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North Carmel, Me.  
March 26 - 1883.

Dr. George Engelmann,

Dear Sir:-

Having some cacti which I am very desirous of knowing the botanical names of, I take the liberty to send you, with this, five numbered specimens, and a sheet containing descriptions of each. You will see I have left a blank space under each description, and if you will be so kind as to write the genus and species of each specimen, under its description, and return the sheet to me, you will confer a great favor. Doubtless your time is fully occupied, but I know of no one who would be so likely to know the names of the cacti as



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you, and I think I have arranged  
it so you will not have to do any  
unnecessary writing.

One more favor I will beg, - please  
write the specific names very plainly  
as I am young in botany, and names  
which ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> be instantly recognized  
by a good botanist, might prove a  
sore puzzle to me, and I have no  
work on Cactaceae to refer to.

I have duplicates of the cacti, -  
they may prove interesting to you  
to yourself, family or some friend.

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Very truly yours,

Walter N. Pike,  
No. Carmel,  
Maine.



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Rec Oct. 20  
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No. Carmel, Me.

July 20-1883

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,-

Dear Sir:- I  
send you a few botan-  
ical specimens with this  
& descriptions of the ~~same~~ same.  
Will you be so kind as to  
write the botanical names  
in the spaces left under  
the descriptions and return  
the sheet to me? One more  
favor I will ask: please write  
the botanical names very  
plain and greatly oblige

Yours truly

Walter N. Pike,  
North Carmel,  
Maine.



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No. General Mr.

I have been thinking of you  
 and of our first meeting  
 in the old days  
 and how much has happened  
 since then.

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